

# **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 3, 2011**

**10:00 AM**

**Board Room**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner Michael A. Alvarez, Commissioner Frank Avila, Commissioner Patricia Horton, Vice- President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany, Chairman of Finance Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore, Commissioner Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, President Terrence J. O'Brien*

#### **THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:**

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.**
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.**

## Call Meeting to Order

President Terrence J. O'Brien presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Michael A. Alvarez; Frank Avila; Patricia Horton; Kathleen Therese Meany; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; and Terrence J. O'Brien

**Absent:** 1 - Barbara J. McGowan

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Kathleen Therese Meany, seconded by Patricia Horton, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Recess and Reconvene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Kathleen Therese Meany, seconded by Patricia Horton, to recess and reconvene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 1:25 p.m. President O'Brien reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Finance Committee

### Report

- 1     [11-0272](#)     Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of January 2011, in the amount of \$61,196,581.99

**Attachments:**     [January 2011 Disbursement Report.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 2     [11-0312](#)     Report on investments purchased during January 2011

**Attachments:**     [Inv Purch 2011-01 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 3      [11-0313](#)      Report on the investment interest income during January 2011

Attachments:      [Inv Int Inc 2011-01 att.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 4      [11-0270](#)      Authority to add Project 09-365-5F, Heritage Park Flood Control Facility, to the Engineering Department Capital Improvements Program and the Stormwater Management Fund, estimated cost of the project is \$31,700,000.00

**Approved**

- 5      [11-0293](#)      Authority to add Project 11-736-11 Solar Panel System at the Egan WRP to the Engineering Department Capital Improvement Program and the Capital Improvements Bond Fund, estimated cost of the project is \$140,000.00

**Approved**

**Procurement Committee**

**Report**

- 6      [11-0281](#)      Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 15, 2011

**Published and Filed**

- 7      [11-0302](#)      Report of bid opening of Tuesday, February 22, 2011

**Published and Filed**

- 8      [11-0303](#)      Report on rejection of bids for Contract 11-101-11, Furnish and Deliver Work Uniforms for Environmental Specialists, Patrol Boat Operators and Pollution Control Technicians, estimated cost \$49,800.00

**Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 9      [11-0306](#)      Authorization to enter into an agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Madison pursuant to Contract 11-RFP-03, *Master Agreement to Deliver Continuing Professional Development Courses for Engineers for a Three-Year Period*, beginning April 1, 2011 and continuing through March 31, 2014

**Deferred by Cynthia M. Santos**

- 10      [11-0308](#)      Authorization to enter into an agreement with the Illinois Institute of Technology pursuant to Contract 11-RFP-03, *Master Agreement to Deliver Continuing Professional Development Courses for Engineers for a Three-Year Period*, beginning April 1, 2011 and continuing through March 31, 2014
- Deferred by Cynthia M. Santos**
- 11      [11-0309](#)      Authorization to amend Board Order of February 17, 2011, regarding authority to award Contract 11-918-11 H.V.A.C. and Refrigeration Systems Maintenance in the Stickney Service Area, estimated cost \$900,000.00, Account 101-69000-612680, Requisition 1308835, Agenda Item No. 11, File No. 11-0228
- Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 12      [11-0299](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 11-033-11 Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Air Filters to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$41,900.00, Account 101-20000-623270
- Approved**
- 13      [11-0317](#)      Authority to Advertise Contract 11-105-11 Furnish and Deliver American Sigma Flowmeters, estimated cost \$35,000.00, Account 101-16000-623570, Requisition 1319491
- Approved**
- 14      [11-0318](#)      Authority to Advertise Contract 11-109-11 Furnish and Deliver Repairs, Service and Parts for American Sigma/Hach Auto Samplers, Flowmeters and Sampling Accessories, estimated cost \$76,000.00, Accounts 101-16000-612970 and 623570, Requisition 1315921
- Approved**

**Issue Purchase Order**

- 15      [11-0279](#)      Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc., to Provide Parts and Services to Maintain Four (4) ARH Variable Frequency Drives at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, Account 101-68000-612600, Requisition 1314508
- Approved**
- 16      [11-0280](#)      Issue purchase order for Contract 11-670-11, Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services for Debris and Pontoon Boats at Various Locations, to Baltic Marine Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00, Account 101-66000-612790, Requisition 1313747
- Approved**

- 17      [11-0305](#)      Issue purchase order to Bloomberg Finance L.P. for the ongoing Maintenance and Provision of a Real-Time Financial Information Network, Providing News, Data, Analysis, Straight-Through Processing, and Electronic Trading Tools, in an amount not to exceed \$64,000.00 for a two-year period, Account 101-11000-612280, Requisition 1320096

**Deferred by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos**

- 18      [11-0307](#)      Issue purchase order for Contract 11-809-12, Furnishing and Delivering Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Grade Fuel Oil to the Prairie Plan Site in Fulton County, Illinois (Re-Bid), to Sunrise Ag Service Company, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, Account 101-68000-623820, Requisition 1307556

**Approved**

- 19      [11-0324](#)      Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Hay Group, Inc. for Professional Services relating to a total compensation study for non-represented employees, in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00, Account 101-25000-601170, Requisition 1319515

**Deferred by Michael A. Alvarez**

**Award Contract**

- 20      [11-0298](#)      Authority to award Contract 11-012-11, Furnish and Deliver Paint, Brushes, Solvents and Stains to Various Locations, for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A , to The Indecor Group, d/b/a JC Licht Co. in an amount not to exceed \$14,421.40, Account 101-20000-623190

**Approved**

- 21      [11-0310](#)      Authority to award Contract 11-028-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Laboratory Supplies to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Groups A and B to Fisher Scientific Company LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$60,743.32, Account 101-20000-623570

**Approved**

- 22      [11-0314](#)      Authority to award Contract 11-613-11, Scavenger Services at Various Service Areas, Group A, to Independent Recycling Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,987,947.77, Group B, to Land and Lakes Company, in an amount not to exceed \$534,500.00, Groups C, D, and E, to Waste Management of Illinois, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$926,462.00, Groups F and G, to Allied Waste Transportation, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$64,551.27, Accounts 101-66000/67000/68000/69000-612520 Requisitions 1308847, 1307154, 1310273, 1312002, 1312897, 1312896 and 1309564

**Approved**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 23      [11-0274](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 09-657-11 Television Inspection and Videotaping of Sewers and Manholes at Various Service Areas, to National Power Rodding Corporation, in an amount of \$93,757.70 from an amount of \$1,141,086.20 to an amount not to exceed \$1,047,328.50, Accounts 101-68000/69000-612600, Purchase Orders 5001096 and 5001097

**Attachments:**      [09-657-11.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 24      [11-0275](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Vincent M. Mathe, for claims consulting services, in an amount of \$9,000.00, from an amount of \$9,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00, Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order 3066465

**Attachments:**      [Attachment Mathe 3.3.11.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 25      [11-0276](#)      Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with Vanda, Inc., to provide services and parts for Limitorque Actuators at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount of \$10,000.00, from an amount of \$19,580.70, to an amount not to exceed \$9,580.70, Account 101-68000-623270, Purchase Order 3057581

**Attachments:**      [Vanda PO 3057581 as of 02-16-11 for 03-03-11 Board Mtg.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 26      [11-0277](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 08-604-12, Furnishing and Delivering Plumbing Materials and Supplies to Various Locations, to Columbia Pipe & Supply Company, in an amount of \$29,217.84, from an amount of \$171,628.82, to an amount not to exceed \$142,410.98, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623090, Purchase Orders 3054854, 3054856 and 3054859

**Attachments:**      [Decrease 08-604-12 as of 02-16-11 for 03-03-11 Board Mtg.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 27      [11-0278](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 08-812-11, Services to Maintain and Repair Absorption Chillers at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Anchor Mechanical, Inc., in an amount of \$71,391.99, from an amount of \$182,135.14, to an amount not to exceed \$110,743.15, Account 101-68000-612680, Purchase Order 5000860

**Attachments:**      [08-812-11 3-3-2011.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 28      [11-0282](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 10-809-11 Furnishing and Delivering Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to Fulton County, Illinois to Sunrise Ag Service Company, in an amount of \$12,650.64, from an amount of \$35,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$22,349.36, Account 101-68000-623820, Purchase Order 3062258  
  
                 **Approved**
- 29      [11-0283](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 09-985-12, Railroad Car Repair, Maintenance, Rebuilding and Painting at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Group A, to JK-CO LLC, in an amount of \$25,178.11 from an amount of \$146,205.31 to an amount not to exceed \$121,027.20, Account 101-69000-612670, Purchase Order 5001062  
  
                 **Attachments:**      [Decrease 09-985-12 as of 02-16-11 for 03-03-11 Board Mtg.pdf](#)  
  
                 **Approved**
- 30      [11-0285](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 10-987-11, Railroad Track Maintenance and Upgrading in the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Swanson Contracting Co., in an amount of \$23,501.55, from an amount of \$554,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$530,498.45, Account 101-69000-612670, Purchase Order 5001121  
  
                 **Attachments:**      [10-987-11 Decrease as of 02-16-11 for 03-03-11 Board Mtg.pdf](#)  
  
                 **Approved**
- 31      [11-0286](#)      Authority to increase Contract 07-163-3M (Re-Bid) R&D Building HVAC Improvements, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Path-Milhouse, Joint Venture, in an amount of \$39,569.50, from an amount of \$8,317,946.50, to an amount not to exceed \$8,357,516.00, Accounts 401-50000-645680 and 645780, Purchase Order 5001056  
  
                 **Attachments:**      [CO 07-163-3M.pdf](#)  
  
                 **Approved**
- 32      [11-0287](#)      Authority to decrease the purchase order for Contract 09-670-13 Preventative Maintenance and Repair of Debris and Pontoon Boats at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Marine Services Corporation in an amount of \$20,025.84, from an amount of \$137,764.22, to an amount not to exceed \$117,738.38, Account 101-66000-612790, Purchase Order Number 3057998  
  
                 **Attachments:**      [09-670-13 Att BM 3-3-11.pdf](#)  
  
                 **Approved**

- 33      [11-0288](#)      Authority to increase Contract 06-218-3M (Re-Bid), Blower Nos. 9 & 10 and Air Main Installation at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant to Mecon Industrial, Inc., in an amount of \$37,507.00 from an amount of \$16,162,895.00 to an amount not to exceed \$16,200,402.00, Accounts 101-50000-612650, 401-50000-645650, and 645750, Purchase Order 5001024
- Attachments:**      [CO 06-218-3M.pdf](#)
- Approved**
- 34      [11-0289](#)      Authority to increase Contract 07-220-3P Primary Settling Tanks and Grit Removal Facilities, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant to F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen/IHC Construction Joint Venture, in an amount of \$203,106.72, from an amount of \$231,818,874.47, to an amount not to exceed \$232,021,981.19, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5000954
- Attachments:**      [CO 07-220-3P.pdf](#)
- Approved**
- 35      [11-0290](#)      Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. for professional engineering services for equipment inspection and testing services for various construction projects in an amount of \$99,558.64, from an amount of \$950,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$850,441.36, Accounts 401-50000-612240 and 201-50000-612240, Purchase Order 3058519
- Approved**
- 36      [11-0292](#)      Authority to increase Contract 96-251-2P Sludge Thickening Facilities at CWRP, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen/IHC Construction Joint Venture, in an amount of \$32,801.23, from an amount of \$8,333,275.80, to an amount not to exceed \$8,366,077.03, Accounts 401-50000-645650 and 645750, Purchase Order 5001108
- Attachments:**      [C O 96-251-2P.pdf](#)
- Approved**
- 37      [11-0294](#)      Authority to increase Contract 01-198-AD Demolition of Sludge Disposal Building and Rehabilitation of Pump and Blower House and Coarse Screen Building at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount of \$1,494.35, from an amount of \$30,715,473.65, to an amount not to exceed \$30,716,968.00, Accounts 101-50000-612680, 401-50000-645680, and 645780, Purchase Order 5000961
- Attachments:**      [CO 01-198-AD.pdf](#)
- Approved**

- 38      [11-0297](#)      Authority to decrease purchase order and amend agreement with Alfa Laval, Inc., to furnish and deliver a conveyor assembly for an Alfa Laval DS-706 Centrifuge and to provide services and parts for Alfa Laval centrifuges at various locations, in an amount of \$183,681.48, from an amount of \$7,429,618.14, to an amount not to exceed \$7,245,936.66, Accounts 101-68000-612650/623270, Purchase Order 3056127

**Attachments:**      [Alfa Laval 3056127, -132, -133 as of 02-16-11 for 03-03-11 Board Mtg.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 39      [11-0304](#)      Authority to increase Contract 08-633-11 Furnishing and Delivering Polymer to the Stickney and Egan Water Reclamation Plants, to Polydyne, Inc., in an amount of \$2,115,000.00 from an amount of \$14,100,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$16,215,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/69000-623560, Purchase Orders 3052045 and 3052046

**Approved**

- 40      [11-0311](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend agreement with Buck Consultants, LLC for Contract 10-RFP-03 to provide Multi-Year Benefits Consulting Services for a three-year period, effective July 1, 2010, in the amount of \$60,000.00, from an amount not to exceed \$185,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$245,000.00, Account 101-25000-601170, Purchase Order 3064611

**Approved**

- 41      [11-0315](#)      Authority to decrease purchase order and amend agreement with Veritext Corp., d/b/a Veritext Chicago Reporting for Contract 07-RFP-32, Provide Court Reporting Services, in an amount of \$51,487.27, from an amount of \$420,030.36, to an amount not to exceed \$368,543.09, Accounts 101-25000, 30000, 40000-612250; 201, 401, 501-50000-612250, Purchase Order 3048293

**Approved**

- 42      [11-0316](#)      Authority to decrease purchase order for Contract 09-114-11 to Furnish and Deliver Radiochemical Analysis of Water, Wastewater, Sludge and Biosolids Samples, to Eberline Analytical Corporation in an amount of \$10,914.00 from an amount of \$104,440.00 to an amount not to exceed \$93,526.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Purchase Order 3055425

**Approved**

- 43      [11-0320](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 08-689-12 Services to Maintain, Test, and Upgrade Underground Storage Tanks at Various Locations to Accurate Tank Technologies, Inc., in an amount of \$20,845.64, from an amount of \$119,412.12, to an amount not to exceed \$98,566.48, Accounts 101-69000-612240/612490, Purchase Order 5000915

**Attachments:**      [08-689-12.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 44      [11-0322](#)      Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with McGovern & Greene, LLP, to audit the electricity procurement contract, in an amount of \$5,000.00, from an amount of \$9,870.00, to an amount not to exceed \$14,870.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-601170, Purchase Order 3065378

**Approved**

- 45      [11-0325](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 09-618-11 Maintenance and Repair of Switchgear, Transformers and Motors at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to Magnetech Power Services, LLC, in an amount of \$18,677.38 from an amount of \$49,217.50 to an amount not to exceed \$30,540.12, Account 101-67000-612650, Purchase Order 5000970

**Attachments:**      [09-618-11.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## **Budget & Employment Committee**

### **Authorization**

- 46      [11-0326](#)      Authority to transfer 2011 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$71,000.00 in the Corporate Fund

**Attachments:**      [03.03.11 Board Transfer BF5.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## **Engineering Committee**

### **Authorization**

- 47      [11-0268](#)      Authority to approve and execute a license from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the Salt Creek Intercepting Sewer 2 Rehabilitation, Stickney Service Area (06-155-3S, ROW File 7), consideration is a one time fee of \$16,521.51, Account 401-50000-667340

**Approved**

## Industrial Waste & Water Pollution Committee

### Authorization

- 48      [11-0319](#)      Authority for the Board of Commissioners to deny the request by Chicago Sweet Connection Bakery, 5569 Northwest Highway, Chicago, Illinois, for Review by the Board of Commissioners of the 2008 User Charge Liability Determination Made by the Director of Monitoring and Research Department - Appeal No. 10B-004 (*Deferred from the February 17, 2011 Board Meeting*)

*Mariyana T. Spyropoulos voted Present*

**Approved**

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 49      [11-0267](#)      Authority to increase settlement in the Workers' Compensation Claim of Martin Fitzgerald vs. MWRDGC, File No. 200003473, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, in the sum of \$2,541.87, from \$20,335.02 to \$22,876.89, Account 901-30000-601090

**Approved**

## Labor & Industrial Relations Committee

### Report

- 50      [11-0252](#)      Report of Collective Bargaining Activities in 2011

**Published and Filed**

## Pension, Human Resources & Civil Service Committee

### Report

- 51      [11-0263](#)      2010 Annual Report for the Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust

**Attachments:**      [2010 Def Comp exhibits.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Public Health & Welfare Committee

**Authorization**

- 52     [11-0266](#)     Requesting authority to designate Mr. Richard Lanyon as the District's Advisory Committee representative on the study of the Separation of the Watersheds sponsored by the Great Lakes Commission and the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
- Approved**

**State Legislation & Rules Committee****Authorization**

- 53     [11-0296](#)     Recommendations for the State of Illinois 2011 Legislative Program
- Attachments:**     [Attachment to State Legislative Board Letter 2 24 11.pdf](#)
- Approved**

**Stormwater Management Committee****Authorization**

- 54     [11-0269](#)     Request for direction concerning additional funding for Deer Creek Reservoir
- Approved**

**Miscellaneous and New Business**

- 55     [11-0321](#)     MOTION to appoint Mary Ann Boyle as Treasurer of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Aye:**   8 -   Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Terrence J. O'Brien
- Absent:**   1 -   Barbara J. McGowan

**Additional Agenda Items**

- 56     [11-0327](#)     Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of January 2011
- Attachments:**     [CO January.pdf](#)  
                              [CO Status.pdf](#)
- Published and Filed**

- 57      [11-0328](#)      MOTION to recommend that the Acting Executive Director utilize the Request for Proposal process in the selection and retention of consultants who render professional services in connection with all lobbying activities on behalf of the District (*As Revised*)

**A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Patricia Horton, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

**Nay:** 1 - Terrence J. O'Brien

**Absent:** 1 - Barbara J. McGowan

- 58      [11-0329](#)      Authorization to amend Board Order of December 2, 2010, regarding Issue purchase order and amend agreement with AT&T Corp. to Finish and Deliver co-location services for a period of 36 months in an amount not to exceed \$650,722.00, Account 101-27000-612210, Requisition 1316291, Agenda Item No. 57, File No. 10-1531(*As Revised*)

**Approved**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 9, 10, 17, 19, 55 and 57**

*Mariyana T. Spyropoulos voted Present on Item #48*

**A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Patricia Horton, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Terrence J. O'Brien

**Absent:** 1 - Barbara J. McGowan

## Meeting Summary

### Speakers

*George Blakemore, a concerned citizen, addressed the Board regarding Black History Month*

**Summary of Requests**

*Mary Ann Boyle*

*Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested a report of historical rates on investments (Re: Finance Item: #2)*

*Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested historical information (Re: Procurement Item #17)*

*Kenneth Kits*

*Frank Avila requested the status and schedule of project. Cynthia M. Santos requested a copy of report be sent to all Board members (Re: Finance Item #4)*

*Debra Shore requested a report on the calculated savings. Frank Avila requested the report include carbon foot savings and that future reports on green initiatives include the same (Re: Finance Item #5)*

*Debra Shore requested a report outlining the issues. Terrence J. O'Brien requested clarification on the escrow agreements (Re: Stormwater Management Item #54)*

*Denice Korcal*

*Terrence J. O'Brien requested a report detailing all costs. Cynthia M. Santos requested a review of other government agencies policies and include information on whether employees pay out of pocket for their own continuing education (Re: Procurement Item #9)*

*Michael A. Alvarez requested the agreement be re-negotiated to obtain a best and final offer (Re: Procurement Item #19)*

*Ronald Hill*

*Kathleen Therese Meany requested that transcripts be reviewed to confirm if the Board requested that all employee training and related travel be eliminated from the budget (Re: Procurement Item #9)*

**Study Session**

*None*

**Announcements**

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2011 please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.**

**Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: March 7, 2011**

**Date Board letters are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., March 10, 2011**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, that when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Thursday, March 17, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. and that today's meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: /s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk

**Aye:** 8 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Terrence J. O'Brien

**Absent:** 1 - Barbara J. McGowan

**APPROVAL:**

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this March 3, 2011, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Terrence J. O'Brien

President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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